

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1) – 28) Cancelled

29. (new) A filter aid for filtering and stabilizing an aqueous liquid, the filter aid comprising a comminuted form of a compounded polymer obtained by compounding

a) 20-95% by weight of a thermoplastic polymer selected from the group consisting of polyolefins and polyamides; and

b) 80-5% by weight of at least one further substance selected from the group consisting of silicates, carbonates, oxides, silica gel, kieselguhr, diatomaceous earth, polyvinylpyrrolidone, and mixtures thereof.

30. (new) The filter aid of claim 29, wherein the further substance b) is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal carbonates, alkali earth metal carbonates, alkali metal hydrogen carbonates, alkali earth metal hydrogencarbonates, oxides of subgroup 4 of the Periodic Table of the Elements, oxides of main group 3 of the Periodic Table of the Elements, and polyvinylpyrrolidone.

31. (new) The filter aid of claim 29, wherein the at least one additional substance b) is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

32. (new) The filter aid of claim 29, wherein the filter aid comprises at least two additional substances b).

33. (new) A process for filtering and stabilizing an aqueous liquid, which comprises adding to the liquid the filter aid of claim 29, and filtering the aqueous liquid.

34. (new) A process for filtering and stabilizing an aqueous liquid, which comprises adding to the liquid the filter aid of claim 30, and filtering the aqueous liquid.

35. (new) A process for filtering and stabilizing an aqueous liquid, which comprises adding to the liquid the filter aid of claim 31, and filtering the aqueous liquid.

36. (new) A process for filtering and stabilizing an aqueous liquid, which comprises adding to the liquid the filter aid of claim 32, and filtering the aqueous liquid.

37. (new) The process of claim 33 wherein the aqueous liquid is a fruit juice or a fermented beverage.

38. (new) The process of claim 37 wherein the fermented beverage is beer.

39. (new) The filter aid of claim 29 wherein the comminuted filter aid is in the form of non-spheroidal particles.

40. (new) The filter aid of claim 29, wherein the compounded polymer comprises 60-90% by weight of a) and 40-10% by weight of b).